

# Updates on CEOS/CGMS climate working group and how operational satellite programs can contribute to long term climate records

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+ Contributions of many  
inside and outside of EUMETSAT



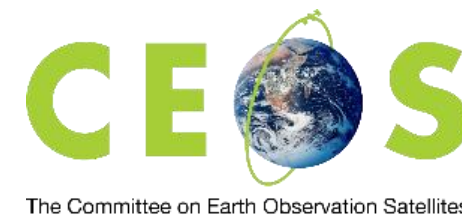
# PART I

## The Joint CEOS/CGMS Working Group on Climate

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John Dwyer, USGS

Chairs Joint CEOS/CGMS Working Group on Climate



# Short History



- CEOS Working Group on Climate endorsed at CEOS Plenary in 2010;
- The joint development of the high-level architecture for climate monitoring from space led to the formation of the Joint CEOS/CGMS WGClimate endorsed by CEOS and CGMS Plenaries in 2013
- Major Task is: Coordinate and encourage collaborative activities between the world's major space agencies in the area of climate monitoring.

JWGClimate

Chair: Jörg Schulz (EUMETSAT)

Vice Chair: John Dwyer (USGS)



# WMO Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS)

## The Vision of GFSC:

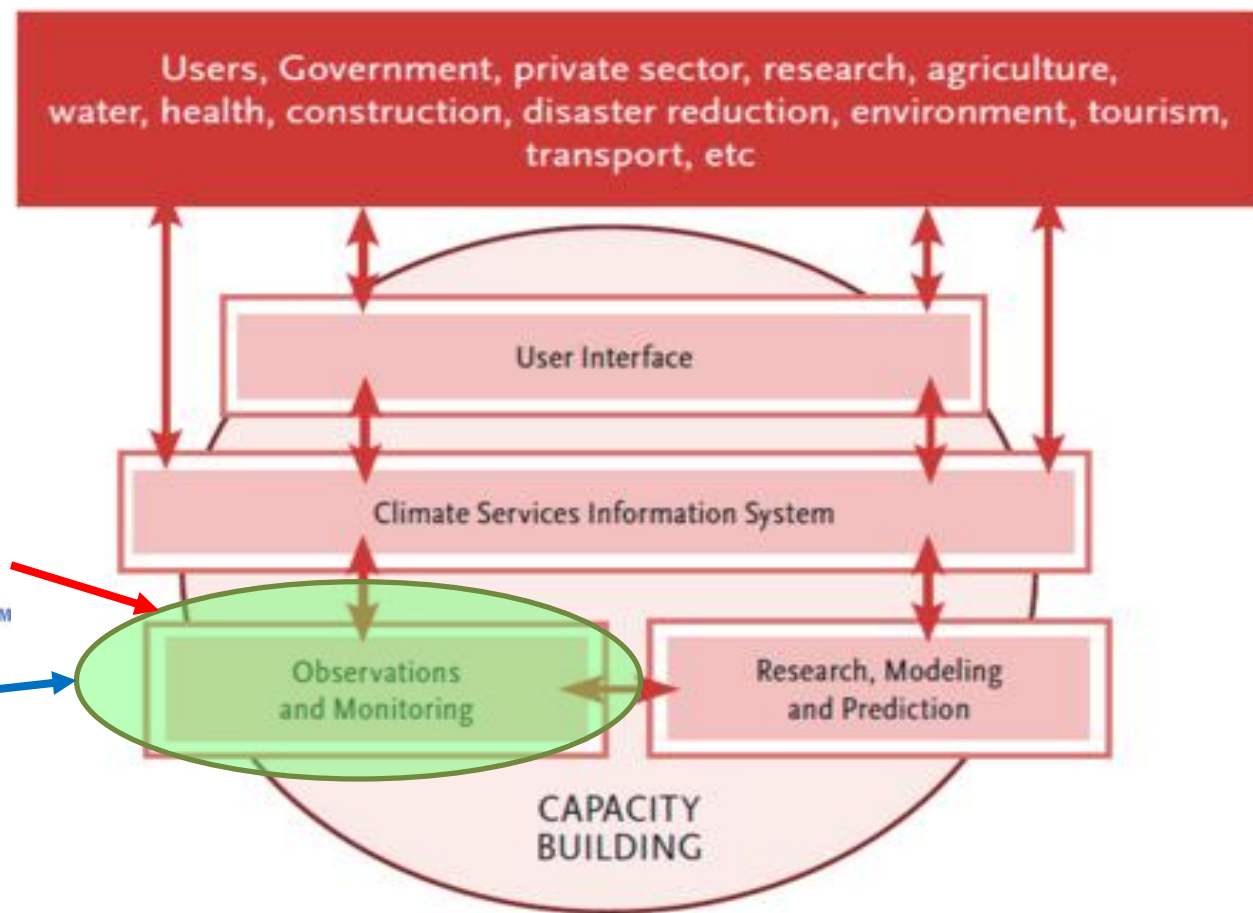
*“Enable better management of adaptation to climate change through the development and incorporation of science-based climate information and prediction into planning, policy and practice”*

2011



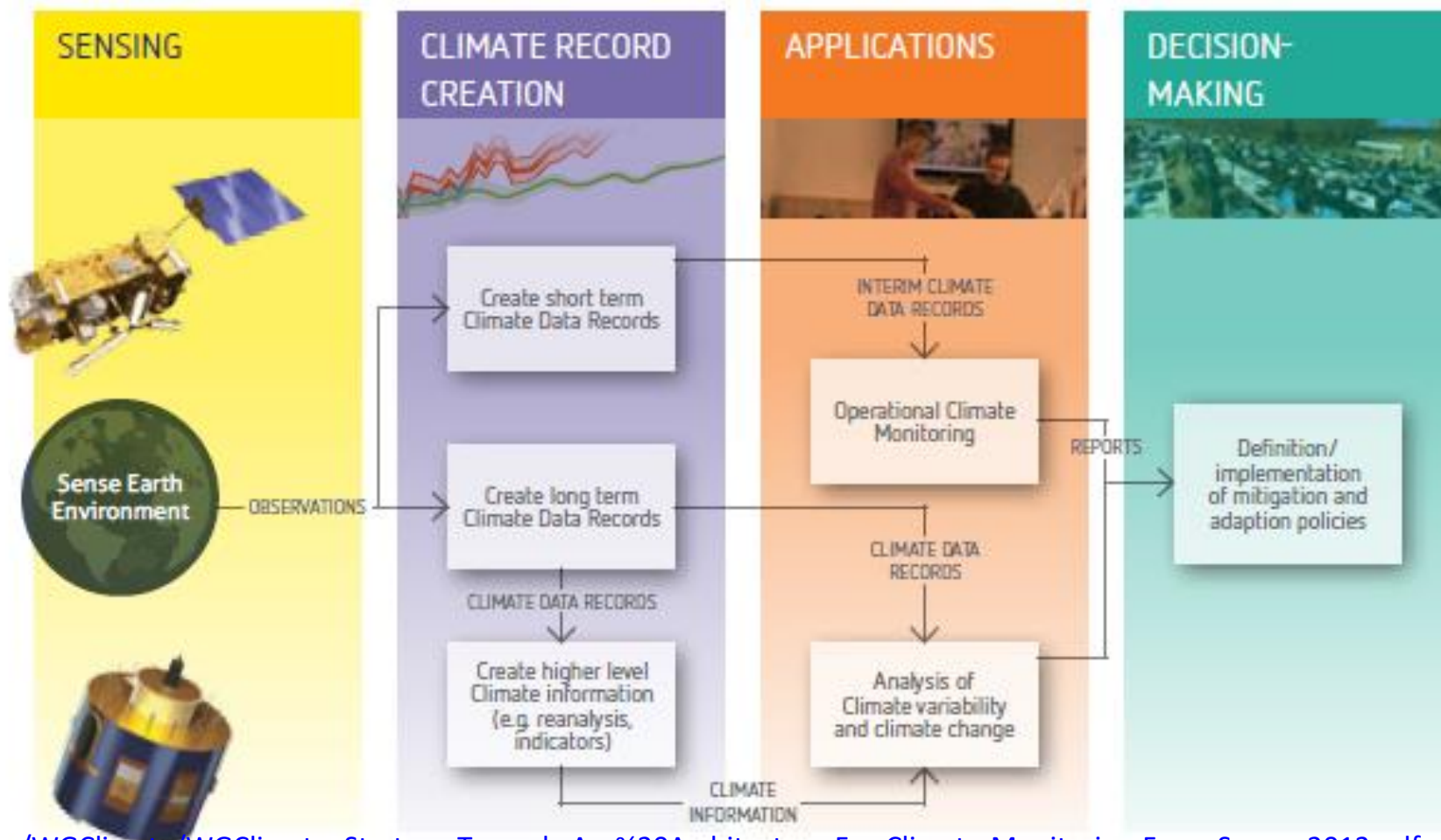
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**Space Agency contribution**



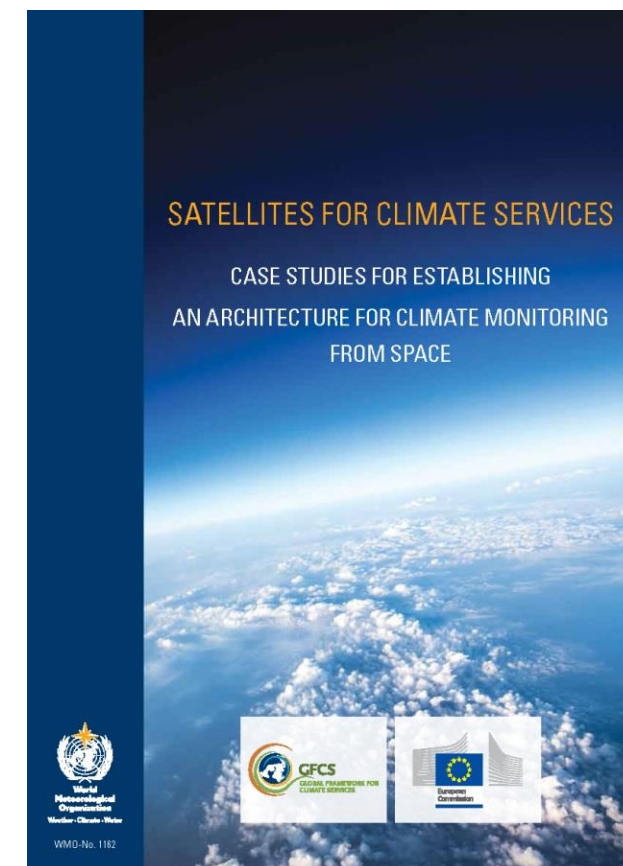
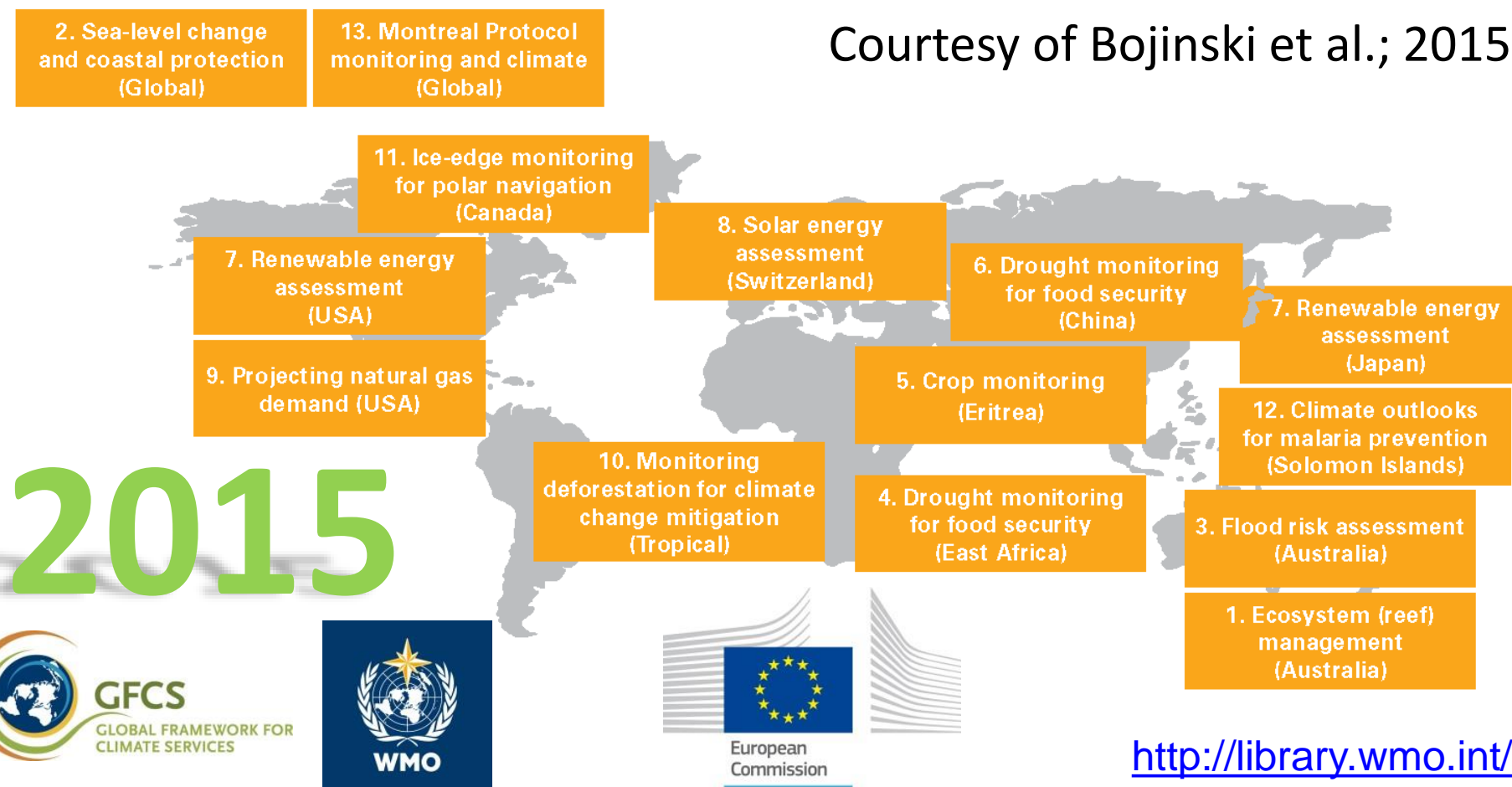
# The Architecture for Climate Monitoring from Space

2013



[http://ceos.org/document\\_management/Working\\_Groups/WGClimate/WGClimate\\_Strategy-Towards-An-%20Architecture-For-Climate-Monitoring-From-Space\\_2013.pdf](http://ceos.org/document_management/Working_Groups/WGClimate/WGClimate_Strategy-Towards-An-%20Architecture-For-Climate-Monitoring-From-Space_2013.pdf)

Courtesy of Bojinski et al.; 2015



[http://library.wmo.int/pmb\\_ged/wmo\\_1162\\_en.pdf](http://library.wmo.int/pmb_ged/wmo_1162_en.pdf)



United Nations  
Climate Change

2015



Reports on Progress  
@ SBSTA/COP



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Needs and Requirements



Coordinated Response



GCOS

GLOBAL CLIMATE OBSERVING SYSTEM

**COP-21 Paris Agreement: Adaptation (Article 7(c)):**  
Strengthening scientific knowledge on climate, including research, **systematic observation of the climate system** and early warning systems, in a manner that informs climate services and supports decision-making.



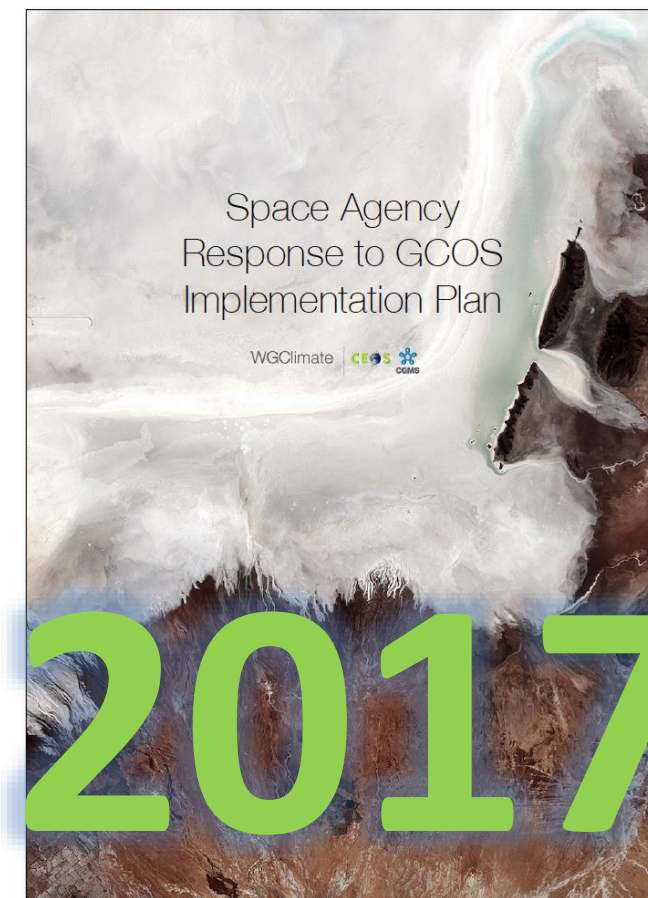
# GCOS Implementation Plan & The Comprehensive Answer



2016

Action G11: Review of availability of climate data records	
Action	Provide a structured, comprehensive and accessible view as to what CDRs are currently available, and what are planned to exist, together with an assessment of the degree of compliance of such records with the GCOS requirements for the ECV products indicated in Annex A
Action G12: Gap-analysis of climate data records	
Action	Establish a gap analysis process and associated actions, to: (a) address gaps/deficiencies in the current available set of CDRs; and (b) ensure continuity of records, and address gaps through the appropriate planning of future satellite missions for the ECV products indicated in Annex A

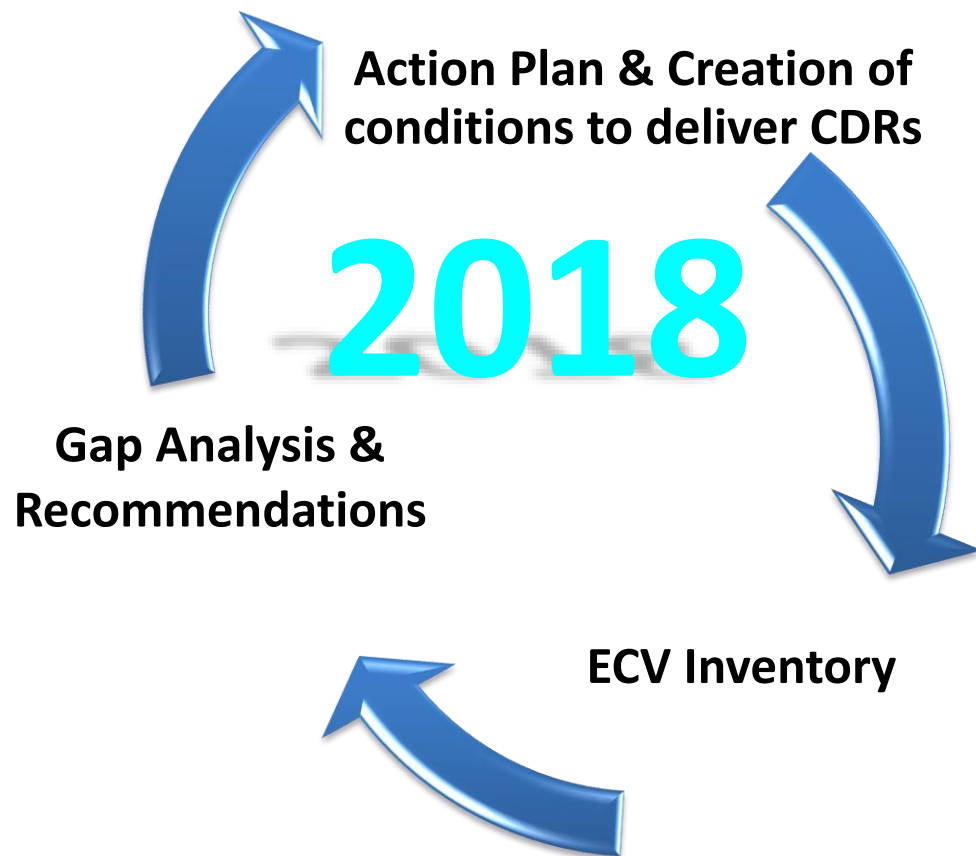
- Answer contains status and plans for all actions in GCOS IP relevant for space agencies.
- Allows reporting of progress on GCOS needs to UNFCCC.



2017



<http://climatemonitoring.info>



- ECV Inventory fully describes current and planned implementation arrangements (ECV-by-ECV) within the Architecture;
- Almost 1000 data records including direct access in many cases (NOAA has big population with long records);
- Content fully verified;
- Updated annually with approval from CEOS and CGMS;
- Derived Recommendations and Coordinated Actions inform space agency planning, improves availability and interoperability of climate data;
- Feeds material for all future responses to the GCOS IP.

## Climate Monitoring from Space

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Climate Monitoring

Observation Needs

Architecture

Coordination

ECV Inventory

Case studies

Contact



## Climate Monitoring from Space

# 2018

Satellite data play a pivotal role in observing variability and change in the Earth system. Significant progress has been made in observing the Earth globally with higher temporal and spatial resolutions, which before the advent of satellites was all but impossible. With satellite observations of the Earth, we have been able to construct global views of many variables across the atmospheric, oceanic and terrestrial domains, including ozone, cloud cover, precipitation, aerosol optical depth, sea surface topography, fluctuation in polar ice mass, and changes to the land surface. Indeed, with some satellite observations now spanning more than 40 years, this type of information for climate monitoring purposes is now invaluable.

*In situ* observations play an important role as well. Existing *in situ* networks provide observations of parameters that are difficult and/or impossible to measure from space. They also serve as validation for satellite observations, can be used in joint analyses with satellite data, and in specific cases (e.g. optical measurements of land and ocean surfaces) provide a means of vicariously calibrating the space-based observations. Therefore, the combination of satellite and ground-based observations is essential. Whilst recognising the importance of integrated observing systems, the initial focus of this website lies with the space-based component used for climate monitoring.

- Public access to Inventory via [climatemonitoring.info](http://climatemonitoring.info)
- Users can:
  - Download the ECV Inventory content for own analysis;
  - Find direct access points to all CDRs in the Inventory;
  - Get access to WGClimate gap analysis results and planned actions;
  - Can access case studies analysing the use of CDRs for applications.

# Summary Part I

- Joint CEOS/CGMS WGClimate is the focal point of space agencies to address GCOS requirements and is the single coordinated voice towards UNFCCC;
- The ECV Inventory provides a resource for the whole community that wants to use and create climate data records – Use it to find data for applications, examples provided!
- WGClimate has developed the tools for effective analysis of space agency data holdings and plans, to optimise utilisation of existing measurements and planning of new measurements for climate monitoring;
- The implementation of the architecture for space-based climate monitoring requires an ongoing analysis of every pillar of the architecture and their interactions.



## PART II

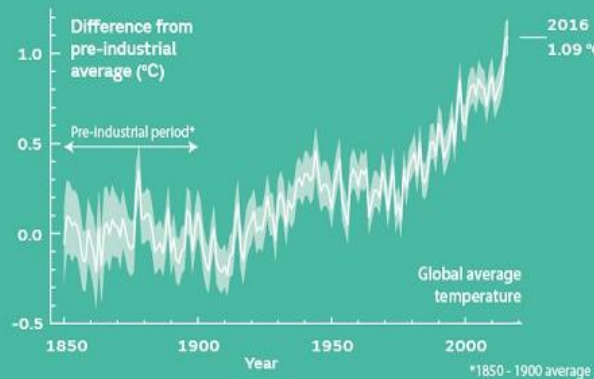
***How operational satellite programs can contribute to long term climate records?***

# Climate Change - Facts

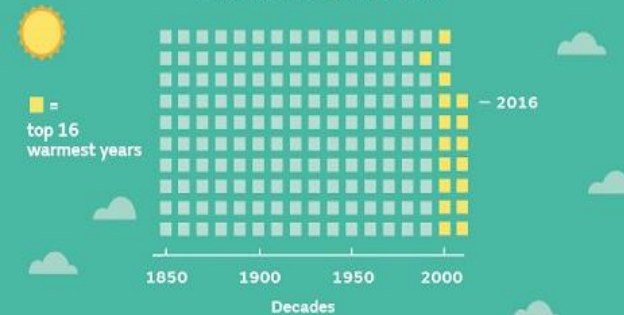
## GLOBAL INDICATORS IN 2016

### SURFACE TEMPERATURE

2016 was one of the warmest years in our 167 year record

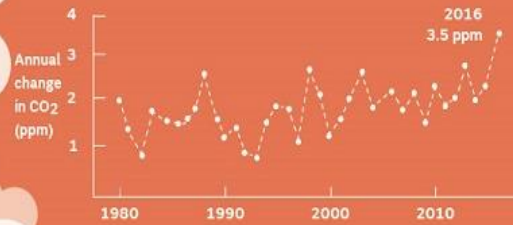


15 of the 16 warmest years have occurred since 2000

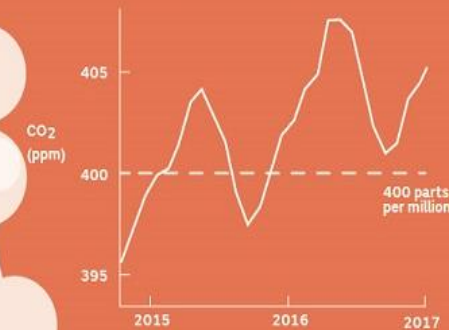


### CARBON DIOXIDE (CO<sub>2</sub>)

2016 saw the largest annual increase in global CO<sub>2</sub>

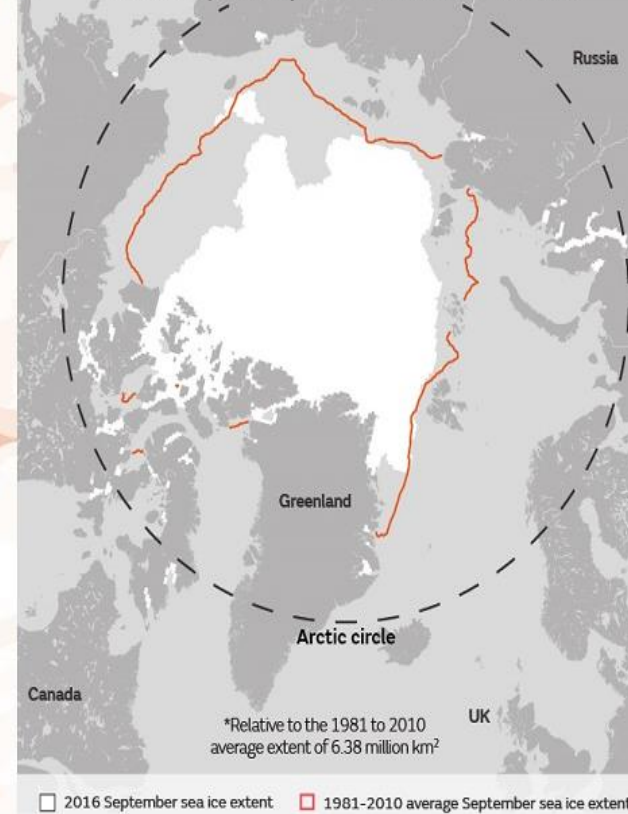


2016 was the first year in modern records where CO<sub>2</sub> at the Earth's surface stayed above 400 ppm for the entire year



### ARCTIC SEA ICE

The summer minimum Arctic sea ice extent decreased by 13.3% per decade from 1979 to 2016\*



### DROUGHT

Every month of 2016 saw at least 17.8 million km<sup>2</sup>\* of the global land surface experience severe drought conditions  
... matched only by 1984 and 1985



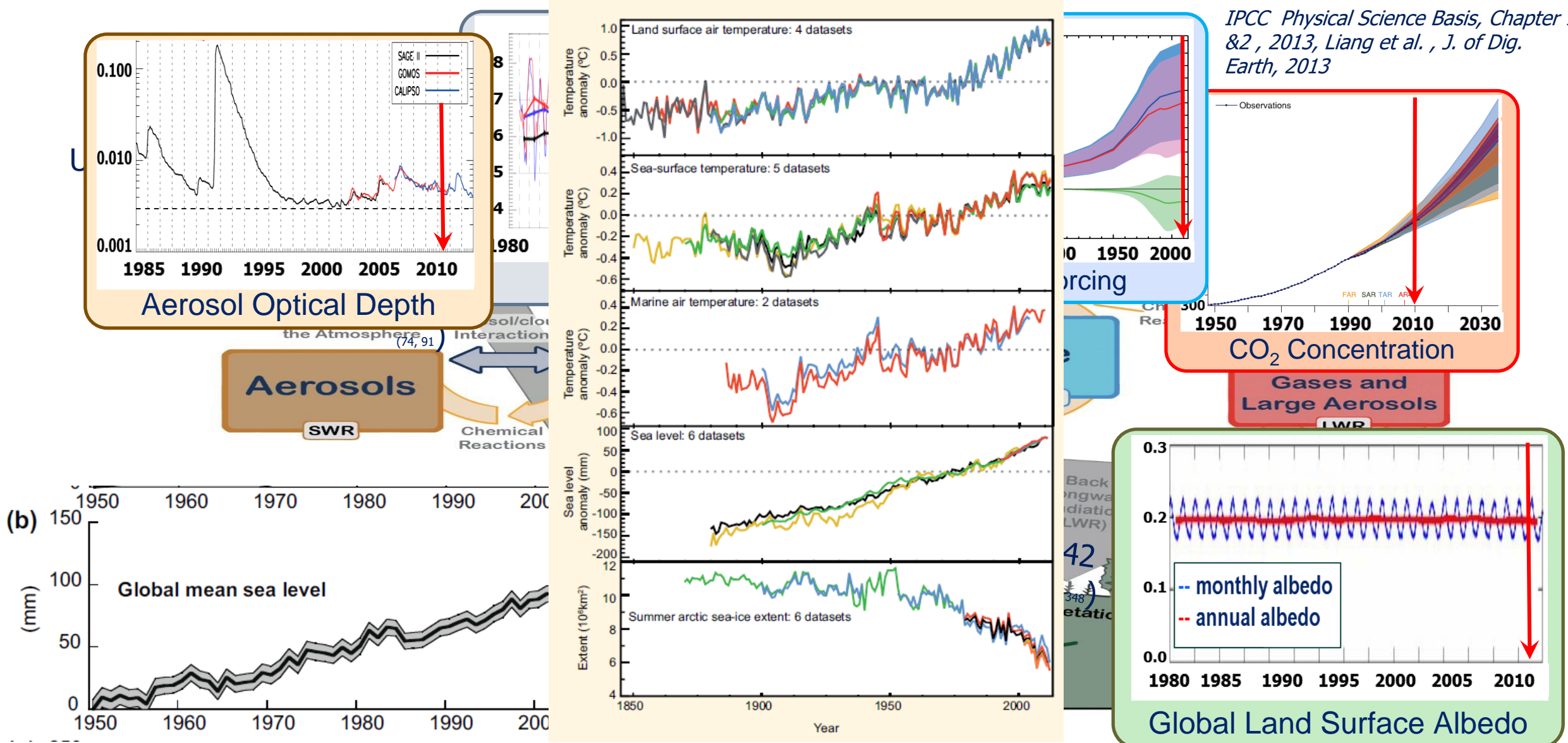
### GLACIERS

Glaciers have lost ice for the 37th successive year\*



UK-MetOffice, 2017

# Climate System: What needs to be observed?





# EUMETSAT Contribution to Climate Monitoring

- Long term, multi-satellite programmes, with service continuity
- Continuous improvement, expansion of portfolio of observations
- Unique patrimonial archive: decades of observations
- Data rescue (historic satellite observations)
- Recalibration and production of climate records
  - Physical parameters directly observed by satellites: level 1 (mostly done at EUM HQ)
  - Geophysical parameters: ECVs (ocean, atmosphere, land) (mostly done by EUM SAF)
  - Estimation of uncertainties
- Data access
- Cooperation with users: validation, research, applications
- Training, support to climate-related capacity building initiatives

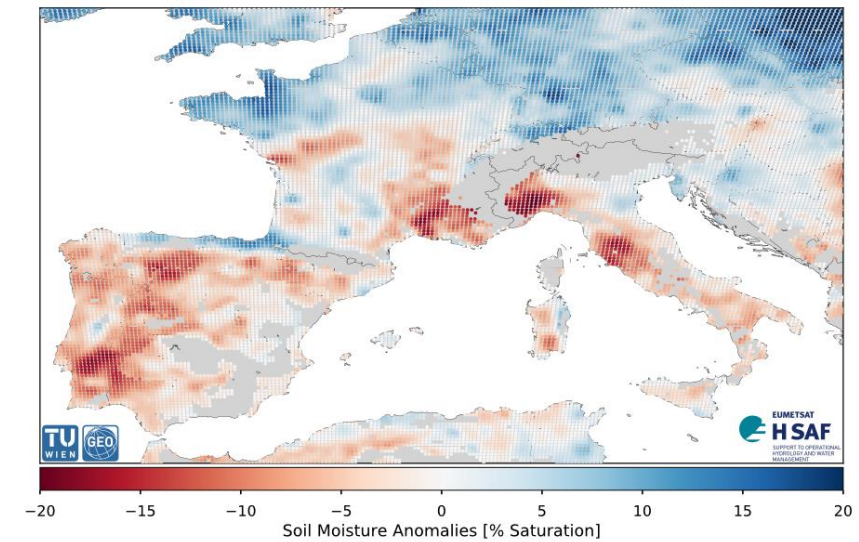
# Use of Data Records

Photovoltaic Solar Electricity Potential in European Countries

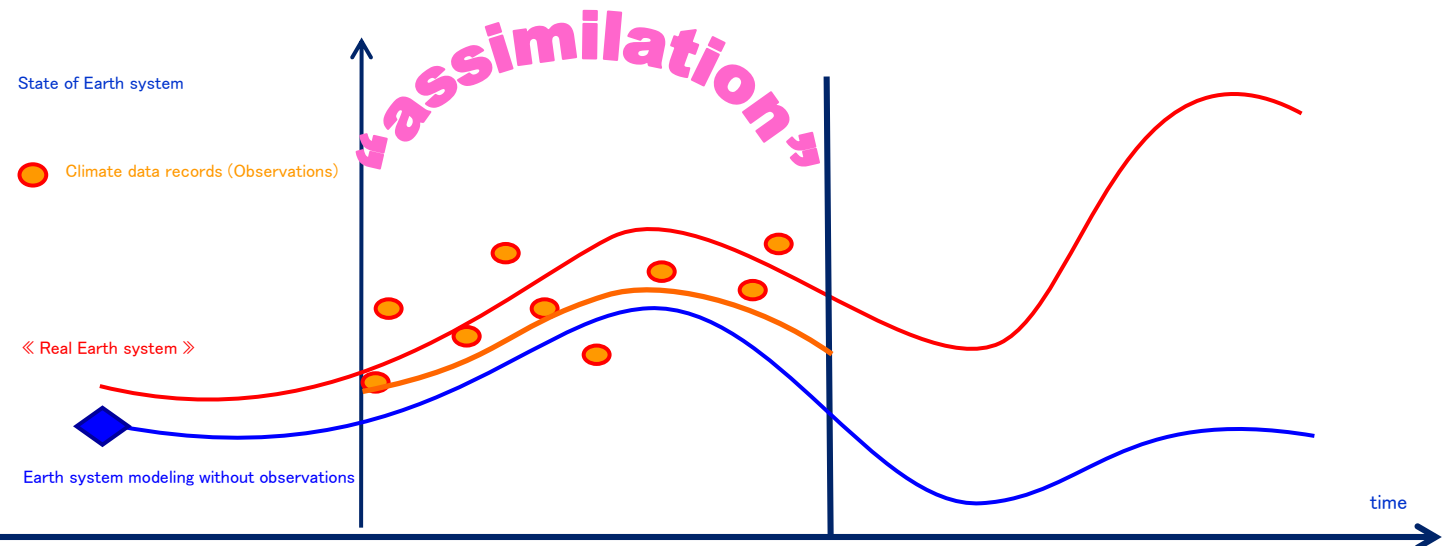


DIRECT USE

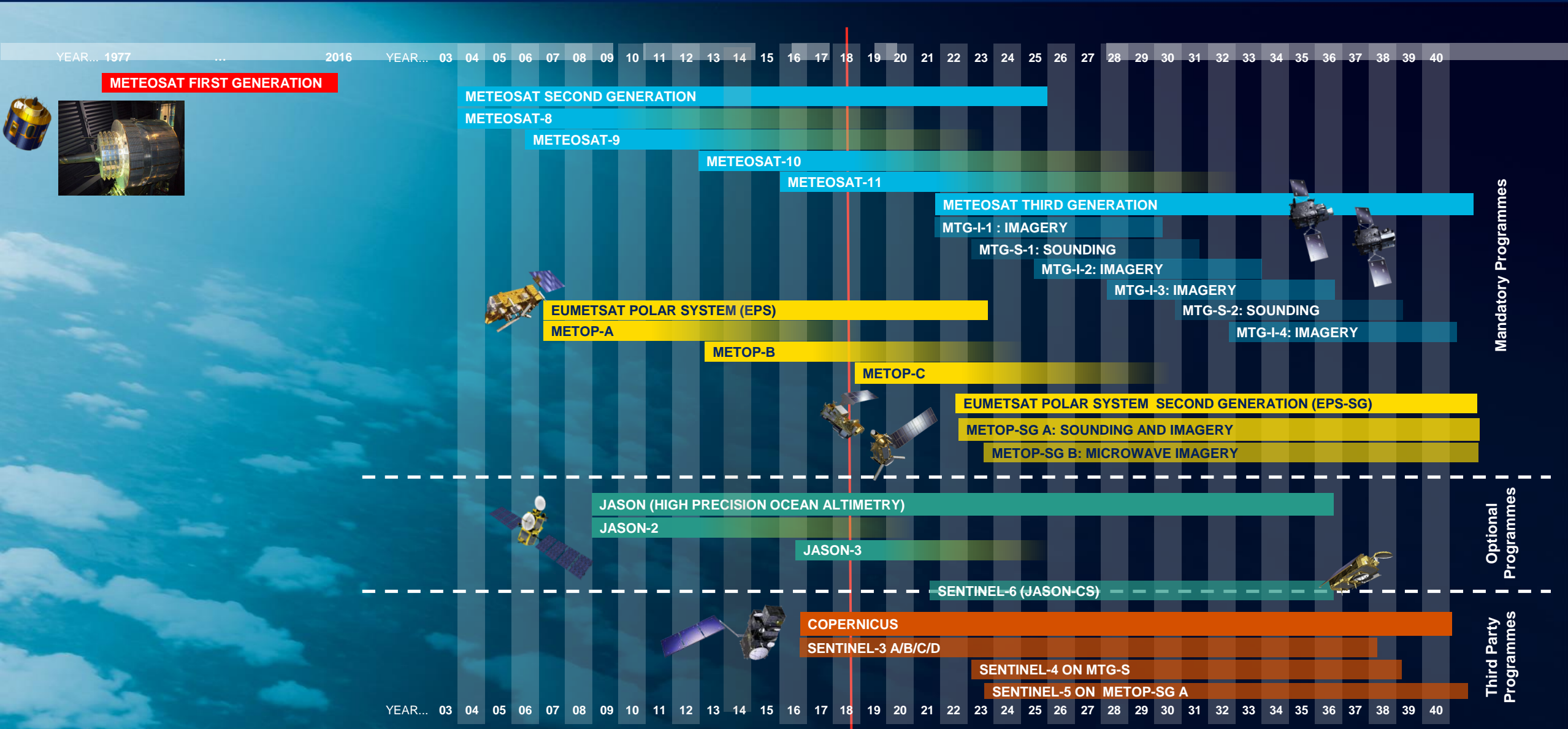
Soil Moisture Anomaly Autumn 2017



## REANALYSIS USING EARTH SYSTEM MODELS



































# Long term commitment: multi-satellite programmes





# Meteosat: Spectral, Spatial and Temporal Sampling

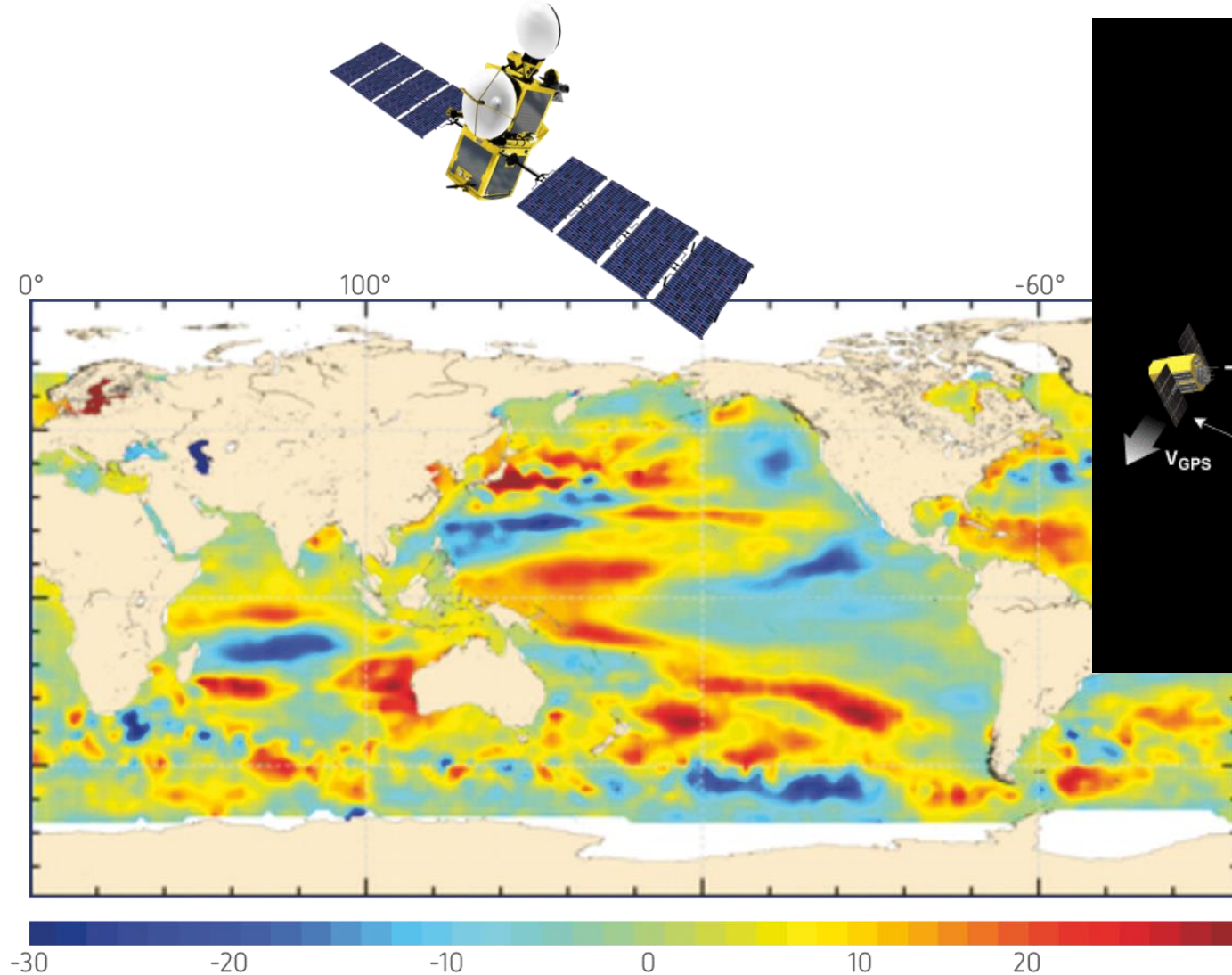
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'Core' channels	Central wavelength (μm)	Width (FWHM) (μm)	Spatial Sampling (km)	Central wavelength (μm)	Width (FWHM) (μm)	Spatial Sampling (km)	Central wavelength (μm)	Width (FWHM) (μm)	Spatial Sampling (km)
FC-VIS 0.4							0.444	0.06	 1.0
FC-VIS 0.5							0.510	0.05	 1.0
FC-VIS 0.6	0.7	0.35	 2.5	0.635	0.08	 3.0	0.645	0.08	 0.5
FC-VIS 0.8				0.81	0.07	 3.0	0.86	0.07	 1.0
FC-NIR 0.9							0.96	0.06	 1.0
FC-NIR 1.3							1.375	0.03	 1.0
FC-NIR 1.6				1.64	0.14	 3.0	1.61	0.06	 1.0
FC-NIR 2.2							2.26	0.05	 0.5
FC-IR 3.8 *			 5.0	3.9	0.44	 3.0	3.8	0.40	 1.0
FC-IR 6.2	6.1	1.3	 5.0	6.2	1.0	 3.0	6.2	1.00	 2.0
FC-IR 7.3				7.35	0.5	 3.0	7.35	0.50	 2.0
FC-IR 8.7 *				8.7	0.4	 3.0	8.7	0.40	 2.0
FC-IR 9.7			 5.0	9.66	0.3	 3.0	9.66	0.30	 2.0
FC-IR 10.8	11.5	1.9	 5.0	10.8	1.0	 3.0	10.5	0.7	 1.0
FC-IR 12.0				12.0	1.0	 3.0	12.3	0.5	 2.0
FC-IR 13.3				13.4	1.0	 3.0	13.3	0.60	 2.0
Repeat Cycle :	30 min			15 min			10 min		

# EPS Second Generation – Instruments' Heritage

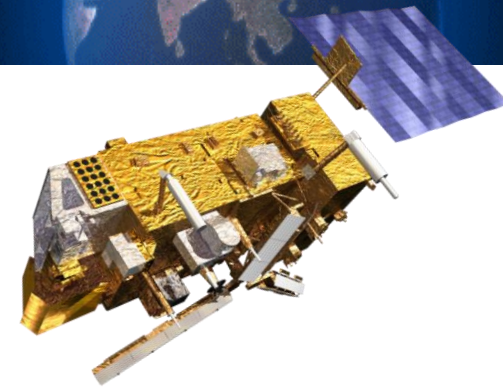
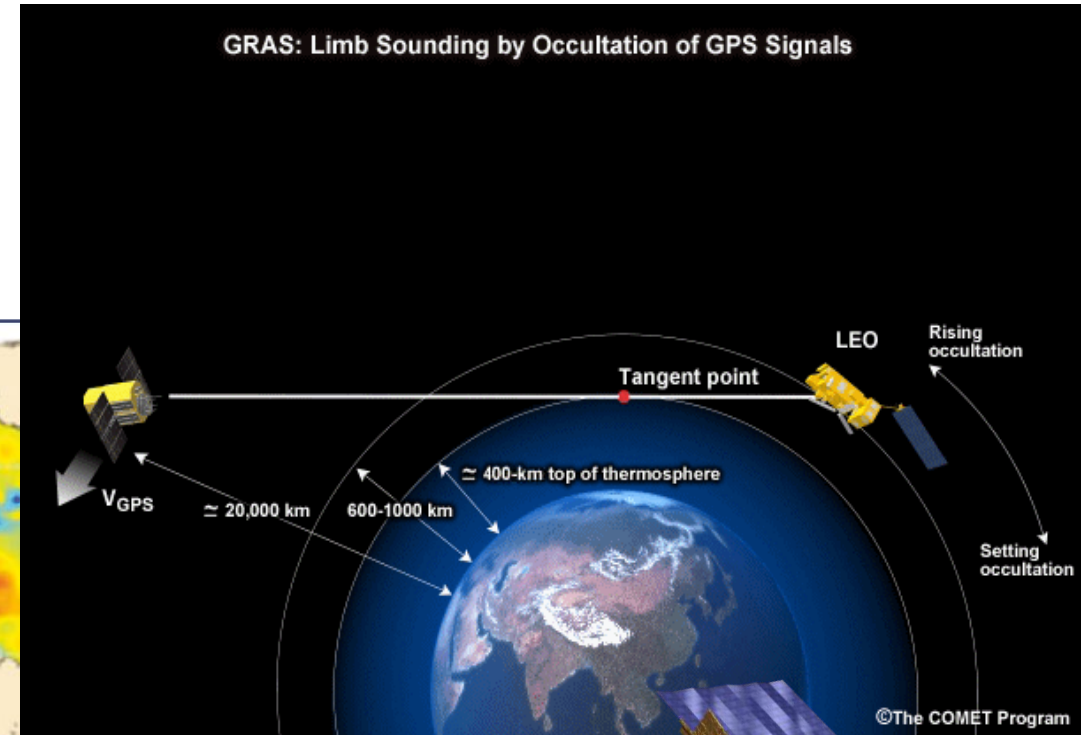
<b>Metop-SG A</b> <b>Optical Imagery and Sounding</b>	<b>Instrument</b>	<b>Predecessor on Metop</b>	<b>Predecessor</b>
<b>Infrared Atmospheric Sounding (IASI)</b>	IASI-NG	IASI	AIRS, HIRS
<b>Microwave Sounding (MWS)</b>	MWS	AMSU-A, MHS	MSU, AMSU-B, ATMS
<b>Visible-infrared Imaging (VII)</b>	METimage	AVHRR	AVHRR&VHRR
<b>Radio Occultation (RO)</b>	RO	GRAS	CHAMP/COSMIC
<b>UV/VIS/NIR/SWIR Sounding (UVNS)</b>	Sentinel-5	GOME-2	GOME
<b>Multi-viewing, -channel, -polarisation Imaging (3MI)</b>	3MI	-/-	POLDER

<b>Metop-SG B</b> <b>Microwave Laboratory</b>	<b>Instrument</b>	<b>Predecessor on Metop</b>	<b>Predecessor</b>
<b>Scatterometer (SCA)</b>	SCA	ASCAT	ERS-1 Scat
<b>Radio Occultation (RO)</b>	RO	GRAS	CHAMP/COSMIC
<b>Microwave Imaging for Precipitation (MWI)</b>	MWI	-/-	SSMIS, SSM/I, SMMR
<b>Ice Cloud Imager (ICI)</b>	ICI	-/-	-/-
<b>Advanced Data Collection System (ADCS)</b>	Argos-4	A-DCS	?

# Some missions are optimised for climate monitoring ...

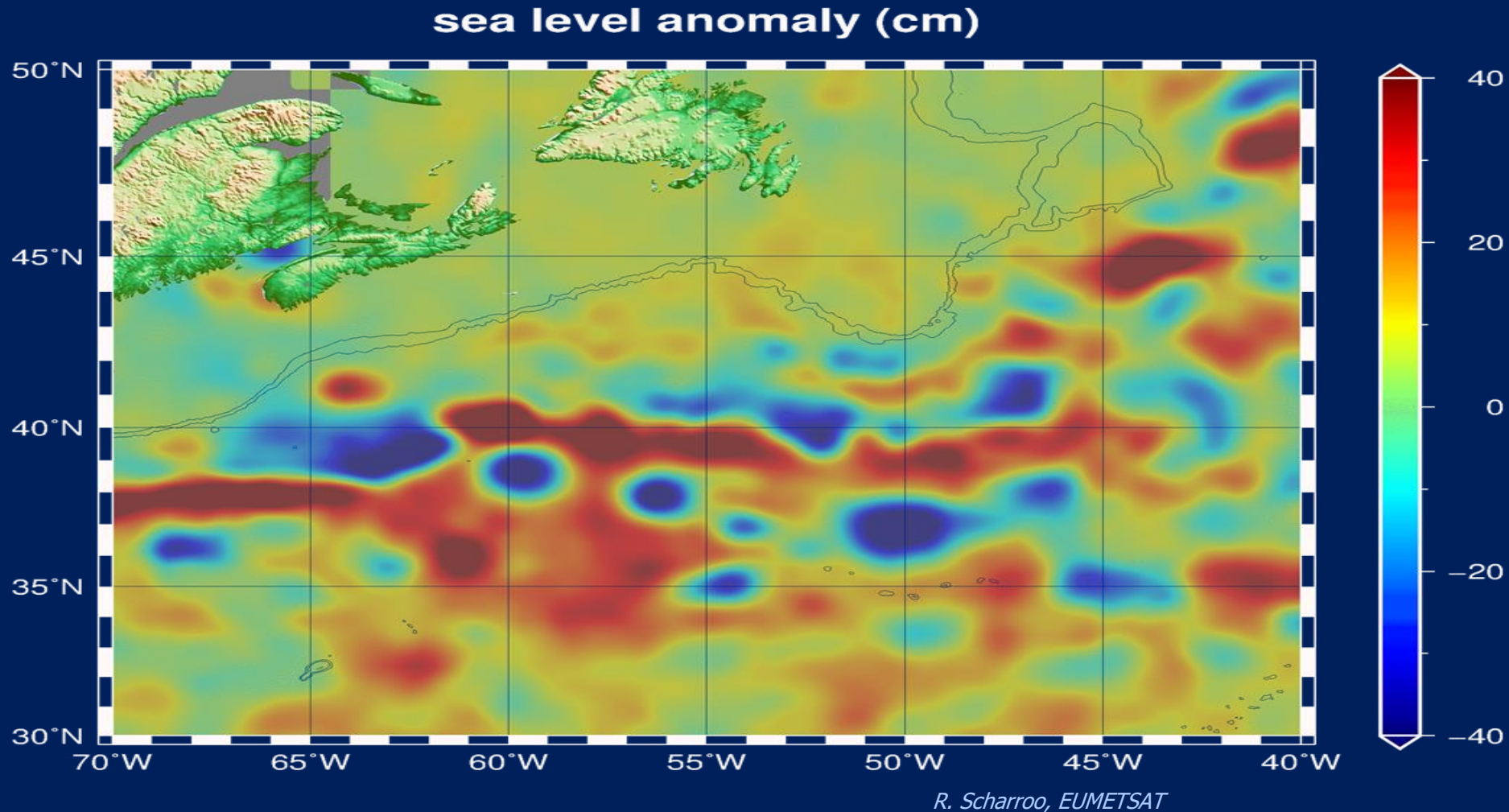


Trends (mm/year I.B. : applied / wet tropo. :RADIOMETER-derived, seasonal signal removed)





# Sea Surface Topography: six missions are operational and interoperable by using the same QA tools



Jason-2



Jason-3



SARAL



Sentinel-3A / 3B



HY-2A



CryoSat-2

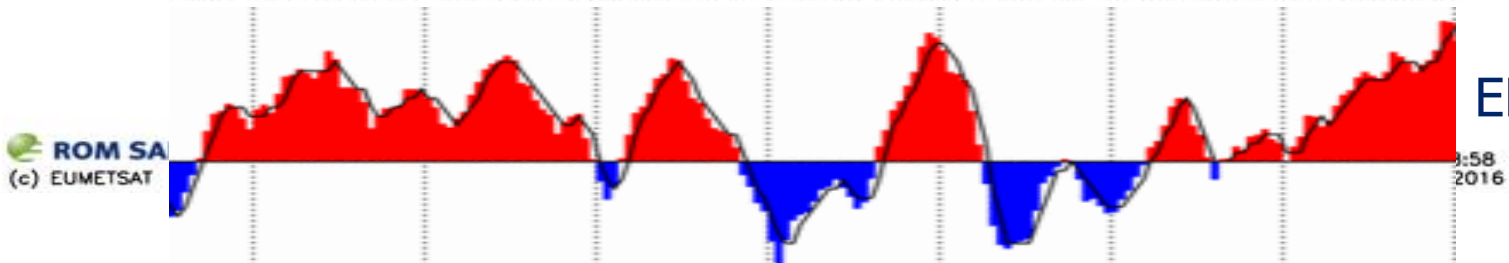
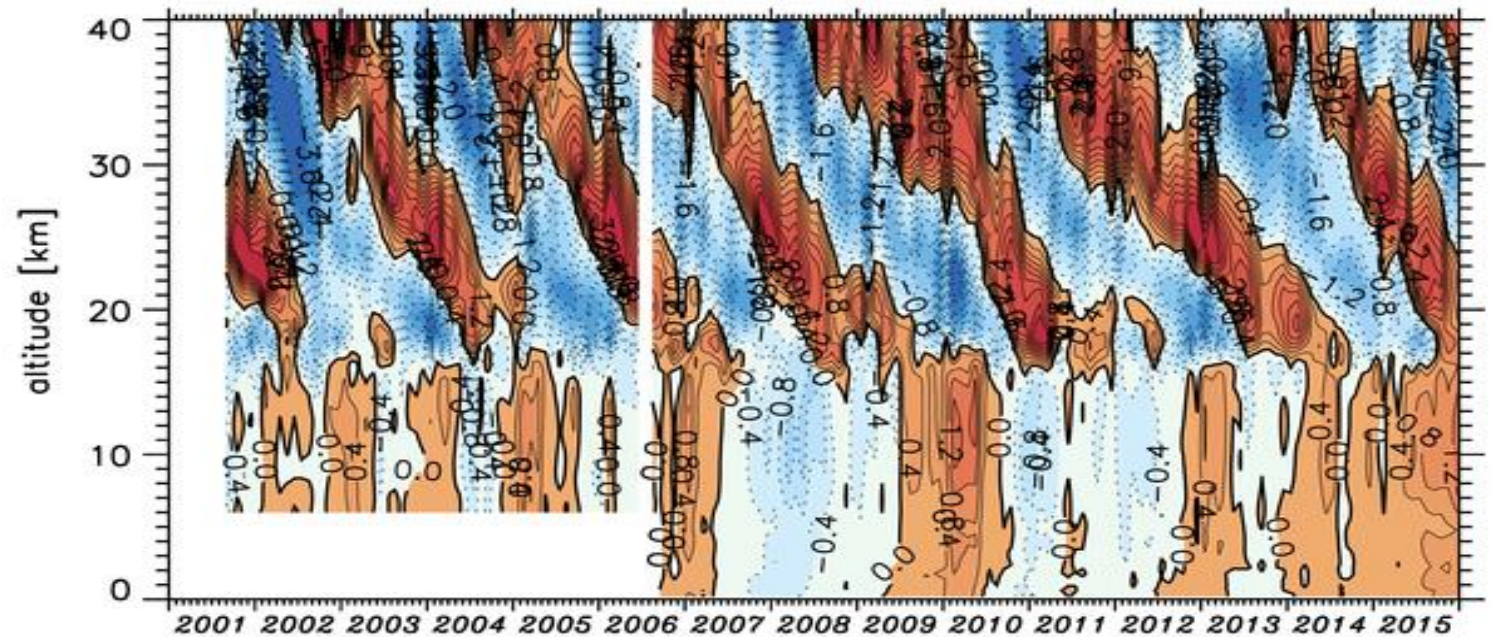


# Radio-Occultation: Data Record Example



Champ and Cosmic data record monthly mean time series covering the period from September 2001 to June 2015.

CHAMP & COSMIC Temperature (1DVar), 10S–10N  
– monthly zonal mean anomalies (de-seasonalized) –



ENSO Index



# ... others are not: Data Rescue and Preservation Challenge

## – Meteosat-1 –

### WV channel, Meteosat 1

#### correspondence

A New Insight into the Troposphere with the Water Vapor Channel of Meteosat

Pierre Morel, Michel Desbois, and Gérard Szejwach,  
*Laboratoire de Météorologie Dynamique, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, École Polytechnique, Palaiseau, France 91120*

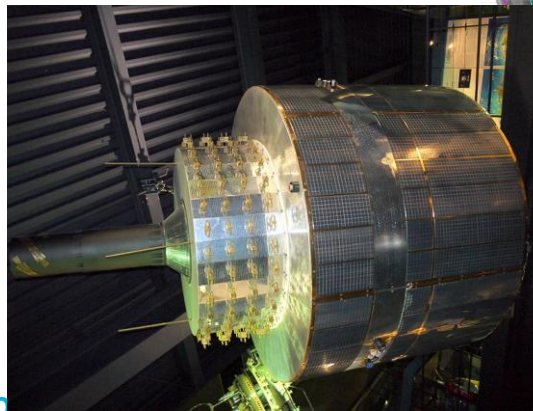
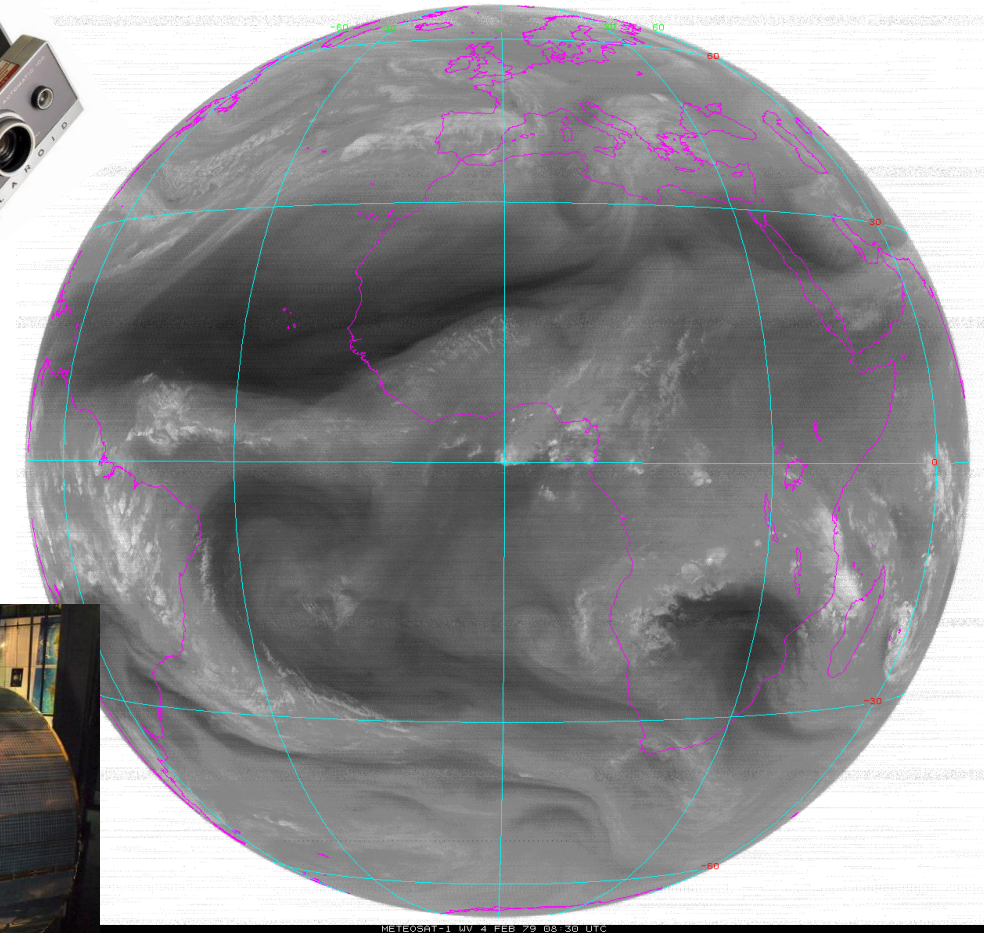
#### Abstract

Meteosat images in the three channels—visible ( $0.4\text{--}1.1\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ ); thermal infrared ( $10.5\text{--}12.5\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ ), and water vapor ( $5.7\text{--}7.1\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ )—are presented. The new possibilities offered by the water vapor channel on a geostationary satellite are outlined.

Bulletin of the AMS, 1978



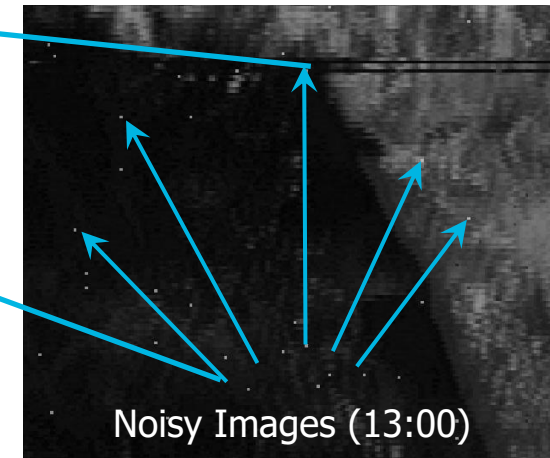
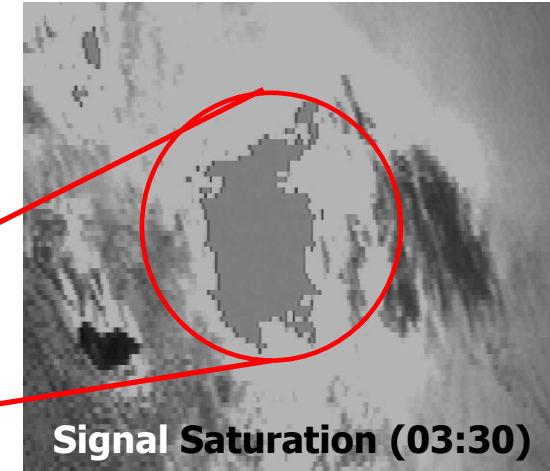
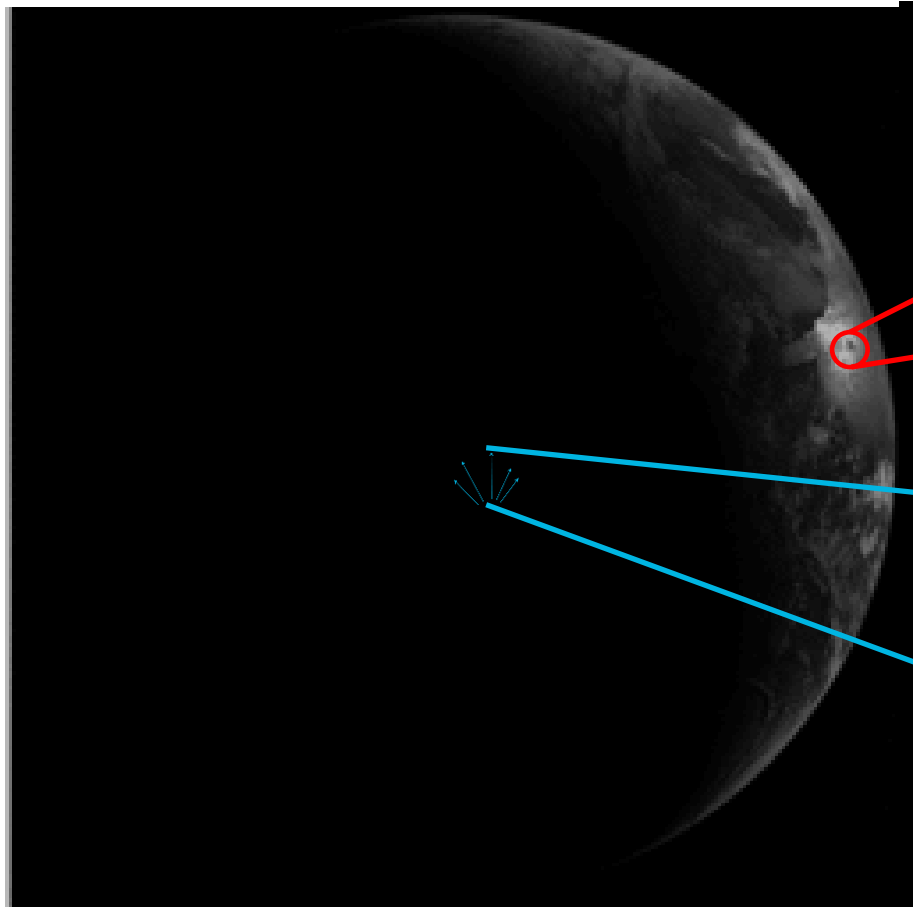
4<sup>th</sup> February 1979, 15 images (Every hour from 08:30 UTC until 23:30 UTC (*missing images at 18:30 UTC*))



# Every image counts

## - Analysis of Meteosat-1 data -

**Meteosat-1: 30 April 1979 3:30**





# Uncertainties are important

**Decision making requires appreciation of uncertainties**

 Research is needed to *narrow down* uncertainties



Science and reference data are needed to *document and trace uncertainties*

**Traceability of uncertainties in observations**

 Metrology

 Cross-calibration/validation against reference observations

 Evaluation of limitations of processing algorithms

**Mature Climate Records Include information on uncertainties**



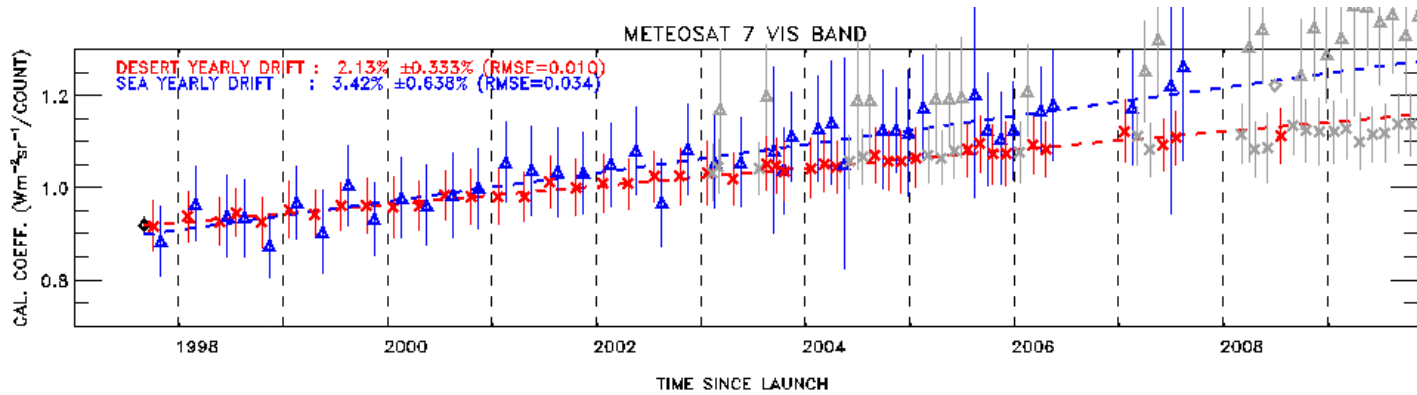
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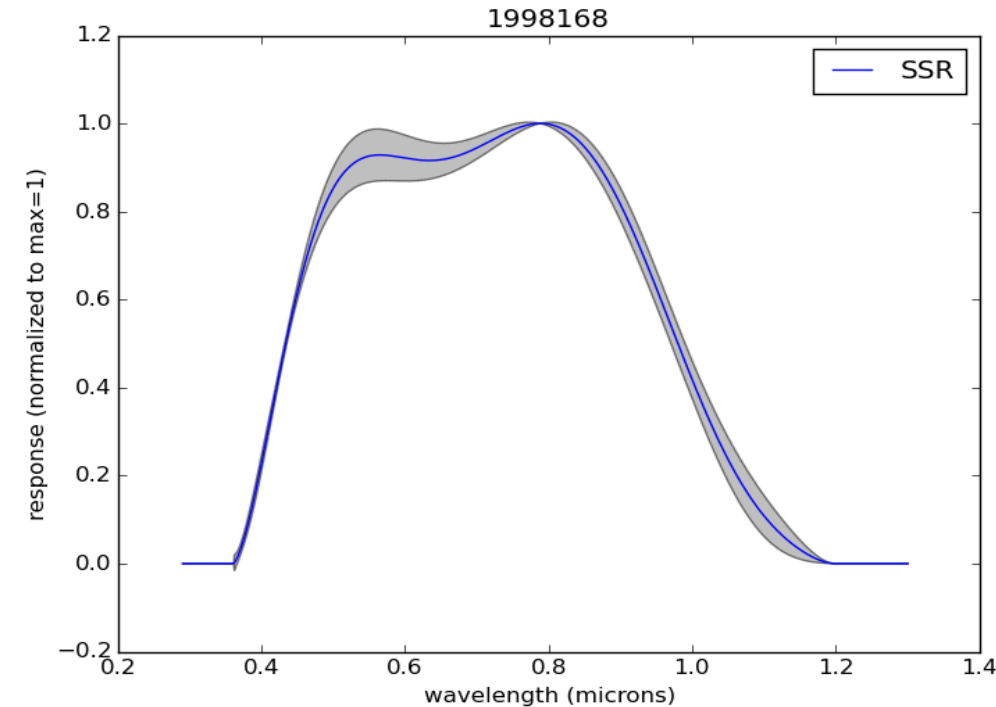
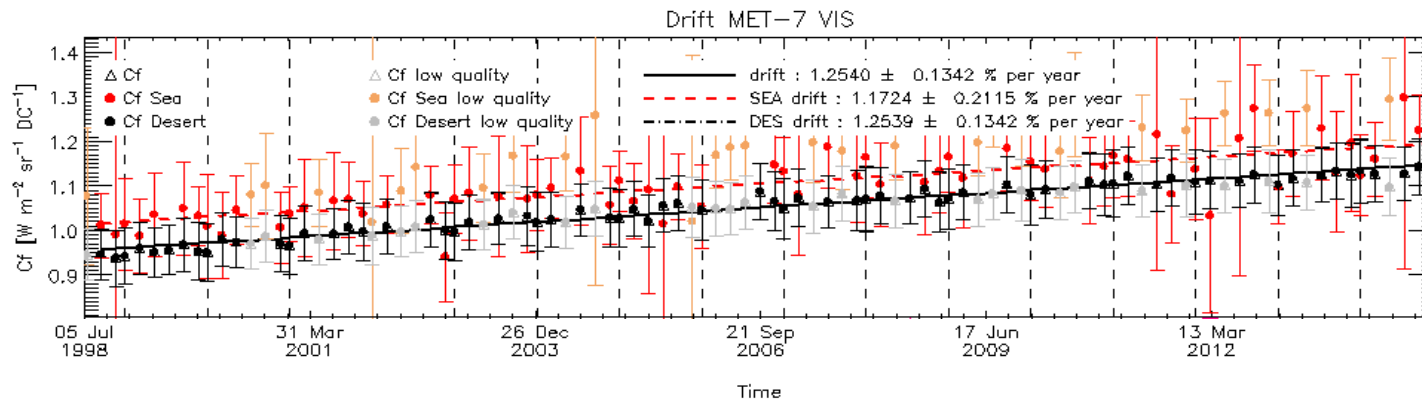
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# Example: Recalibration of Meteosat Visible Imagery



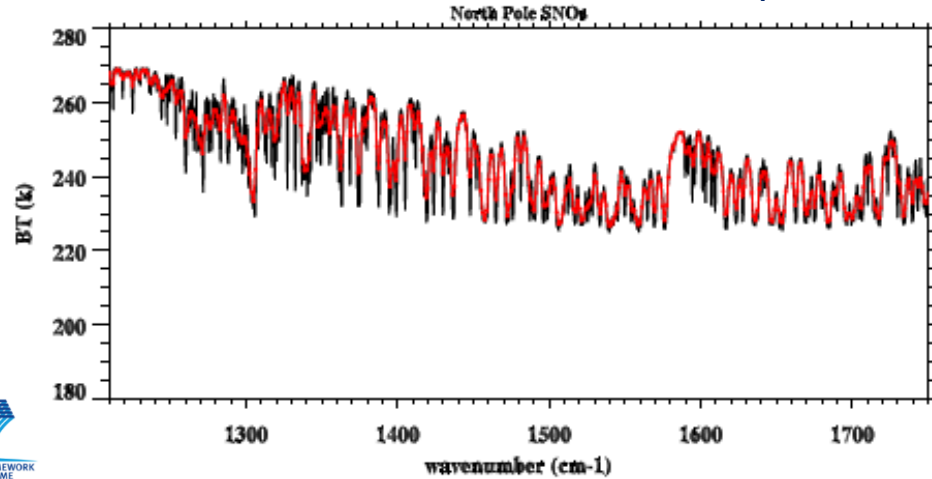
Reconstruction of temporal variation of spectral response function due to detector ageing improves VIS calibration.



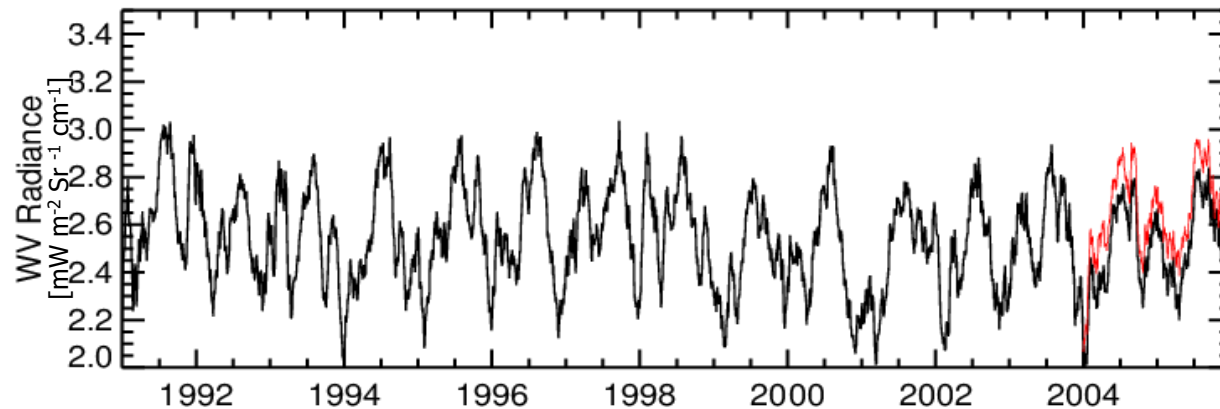
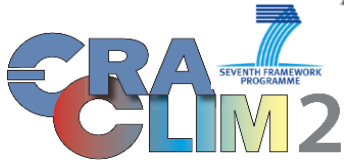
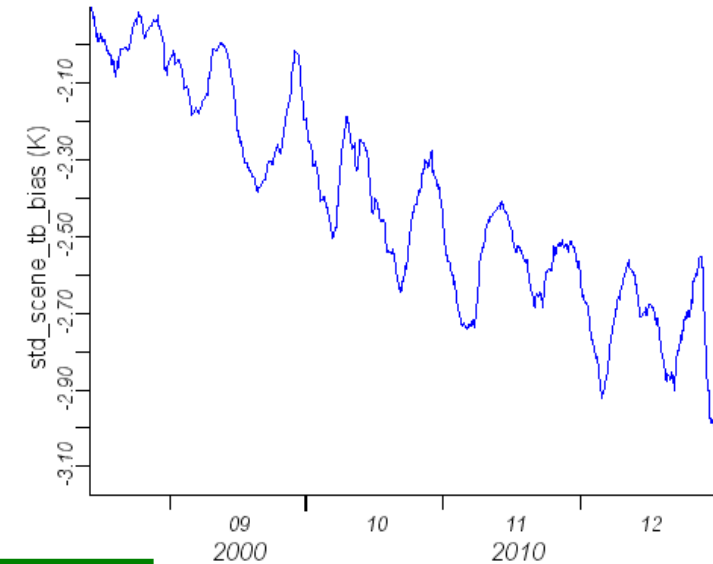
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# Cross-calibration: IASI as an infrared calibrator

Reference IR Instrument: IASI on Metop



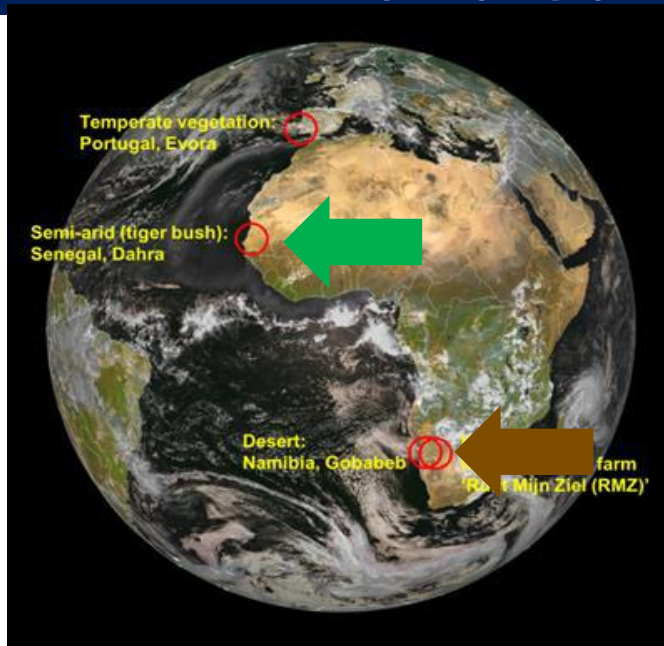
Meteosat first generation against IASI



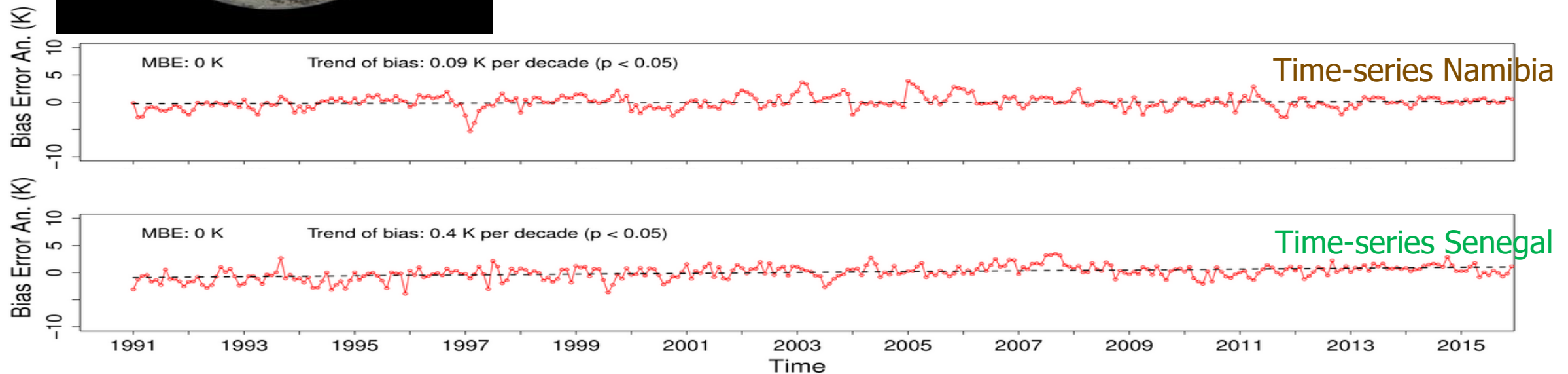
Meteosat First Generation

Meteosat Second Generation

# Validation of re-calibrated radiance against Land Surface Temperature measurements



- **CM SAF** validate re-calibrated MVIRI infra-red radiances against Land Surface Temperature (LST) measurements from stations in **Namibia** and **Senegal**;
- Trend of mean deviations at 95% significance are:
  - > 0.09 K/decade (Namibia)
  - > 0.40 K/decade (Senegal)(Note: global GCOS criteria is 1K/decade).



Courtesy: Anke Duguay-Tetzlaff, Meteo-Swiss



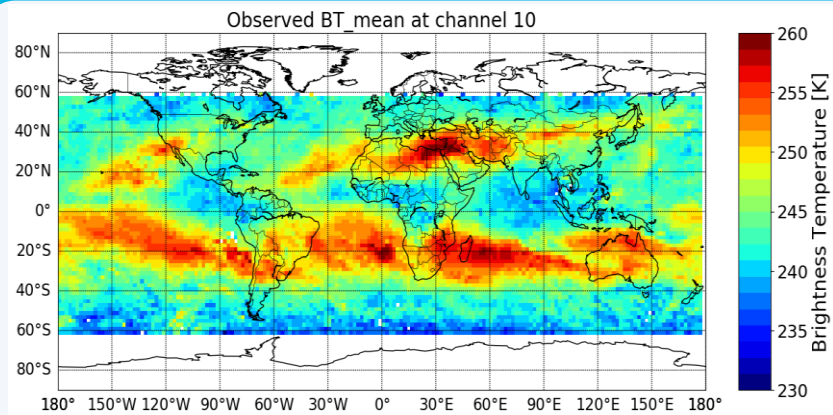
# EUMETSAT CDR Availability Status 31/05/2018 (no SAFs)

Data Record	Period	Satellites	Status	Comment
FCDR GOME-2 L1b R1	2007 – 2011	Metop-A	Archived and accessible from Data Centre	
FCDR ASCAT L1b R2	2007 – 2014	Metop-A	Archived and accessible from Data Centre	
FCDR GRAS L1b R1 (geometric optics)	2007 – 2014	Metop-A	Produced, validated, available on request	The data will not be archived due an error in the height referencing of bending angle profiles
FCDR GRAS L1b R1 (wave optics)	2006 – 2016	Metop-A	Produced, validated, available on request.	Archival expected 2018
FCDR GRAS L1b R2 (wave optics)	2006 - 2016	Metop-A/B	Produced, available on request to support validation	2017 will be added to the data record in 2018
FCDR COSMIC L1b R1 (wave optics)	2006 - 2016	COSMIC 1-6	Produced and under validation	Consolidation expected in 2020.
FCDR CHAMP L1b R1 (wave optics)	2001 – 2008	CHAMP	Produced and under validation	Consolidation expected in 2020.
FCDR SSM/T2 R1	1992 – 2008	DMSP F11, F12, F14, ,F15	Produced, validated, available on request	Archival expected 2018
FCDR AMSU-B R1	1999 – 2010	NOAA-15 – NOAA-17	Produced, validated, available on request.	Archival expected 2018
FCDR MHS R1	2005 – 2015	NOAA-18 and 19, Metop A/B	Produced, validated, available on request.	Archival expected 2018
FCDR IASI R1	2006 - 2012	Metop A	Produced, available on request to support validation	Finalised by March 2018. Archival expected 2019.
FCDR Meteosat IR	1982 – 2015	Meteosat 2-9	Produced, validated, available on request	Archival expected 2018
TCDR polar AVHRR AMV R1	2007 – 2012	Metop-A	Archived and accessible from Data Centre	
TCDR polar AVHRR AMV R2	1982 – 2016	NOAA-7-19 (6, 8 and 10 missing), Metop A/B	Produced and under validation	Consolidation and archival expected 2018
TCDR surface albedo R1	1982 – 2010	Meteosat 2-7	Archived and accessible from Data Centre	Includes IODC, ADC and XADC data coverage.
TCDR surface albedo R2	1982 – 2010	Meteosat 2-7	Produced and under validation	MSG will be added in 2018.
TCDR AMV, CSR and ASR R1	2004 – 2012	Meteosat 8, 9	Archived and accessible from Data Centre	
TCDR AMV, CSR and ASR R2	1982 - 2014	Meteosat 2-9	Produced and under validation	Consolidation and archival expected 2018

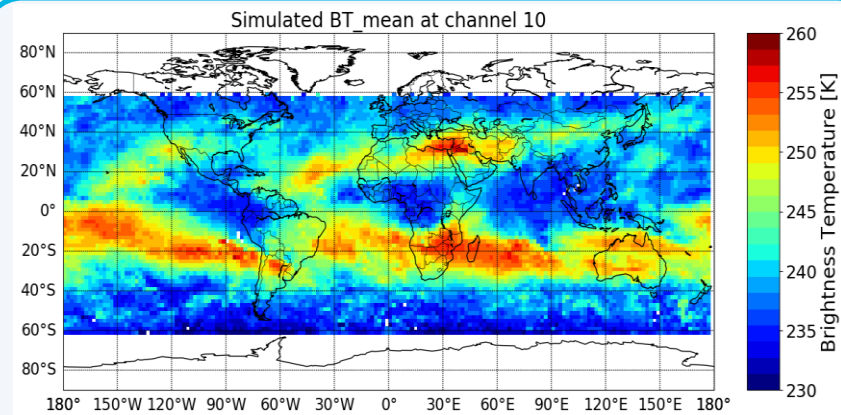


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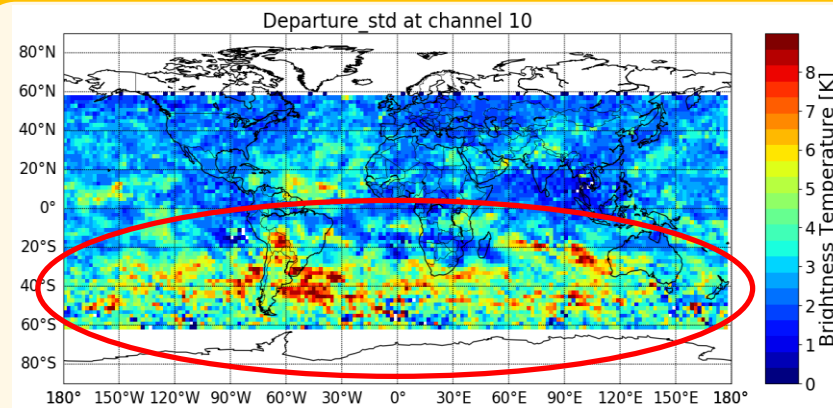
# Analysis of NIMBUS-6 HIRS-1 Data



Nimbus-6 (Aug 1975)

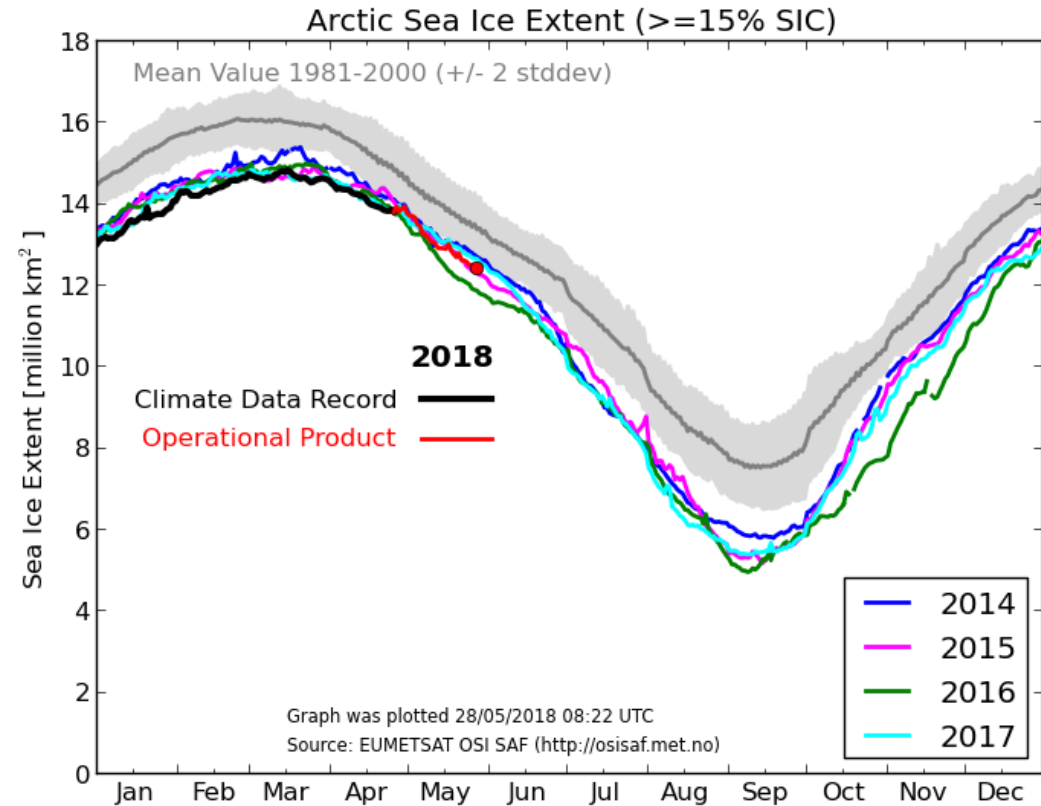
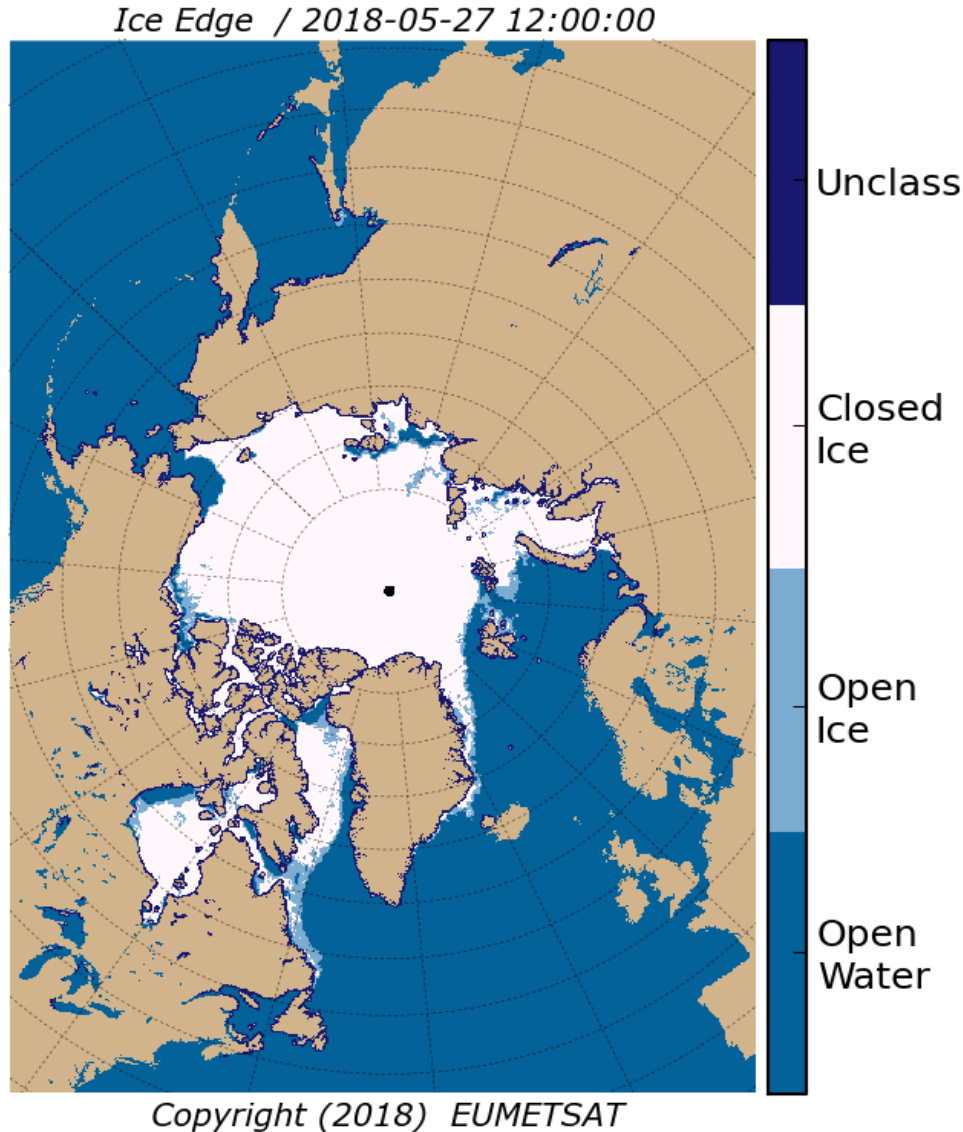


ERA-5 (Aug 1975)



Standard Deviation  
Nimbus-6 – ERA-5 departures

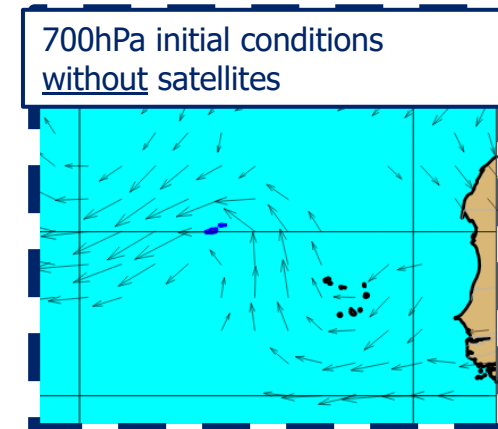
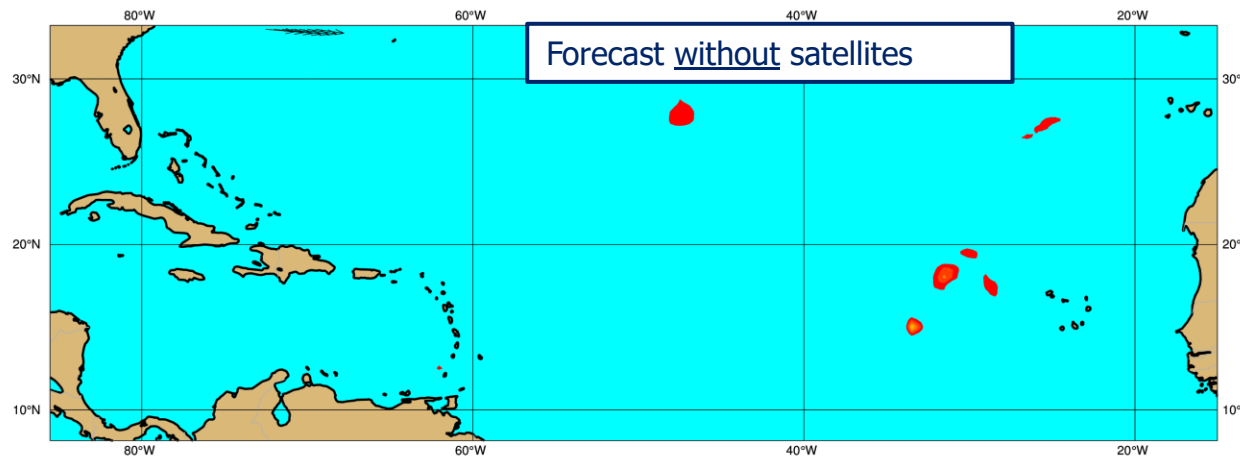
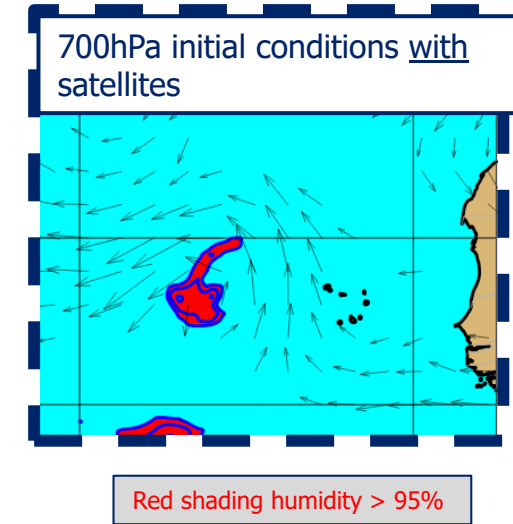
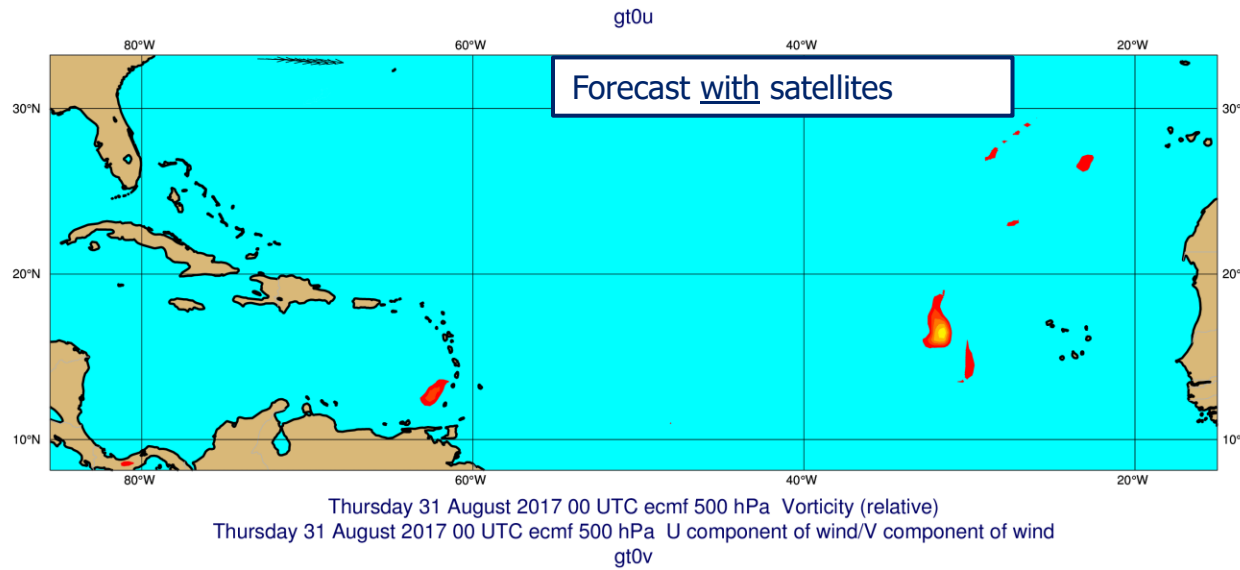
# Interim Climate Data Record: Climate in “real time”



Daily updated Northern Hemisphere  
Sea Ice Extent compared to long  
term data record



# From Climate to Weather: Impacts and Preparedness





# Summary Part II

- Satellites are essential for climate monitoring and science-based climate information services: 37 ECVs accessible;
- 40+ years of observations is a unique asset, data from operational satellite missions provide a big share of this;
- EUMETSAT is committed to continuity and improvement of observations for 20+ years, directly and through Copernicus;
- Data rescue is essential for satellite data to enable longest possible time series;
- Production of climate data records is a demanding scientific task:
  - Existing measurements need analysis and re-calibration per instrument once effects are understood;
  - Measurement series from same types of instruments can be harmonised leaving only expected differences, e.g., from SRF in the time series;
  - Analysis of measurements and harmonisation needs to establish uncertainty estimates which are crucial for use in data assimilation and retrieval.
- EUMETSAT supports forecasting of high impact weather attributable to climate change.